Fact Sheet No. 7

Ross Complex Superfund Site

Bonneville POWER ADMINISTRATION

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We want to quickly update you on the work progressing at the complex this summer. Findings have been as anticipated so far. Field work continues through August and laboratory analysis will continue through the fall.

Important Points About Work Completed to Date

- With the exception of well drilling, field work is virtually done and there have been no surprises. Well drilling will continue through August and is expected to be completed in early September.
- BPA, working with the Environmental Protection Agency and Washington Department of Energy, is developing a strategy that allows for early removal of surface contamination. More complex studies on potential groundwater contamination continues.

These two steps allow for more immediate remediation if needed, while allowing for longer term analysis on the complex ground water issues.

- To date, 180 soil gas analyses have been done, 100 solid borings have been made (some to a depth of 100')

 1,000 soil and water samples have been taken, 5 shallow wells have been drilled, and 10 deep wells 150'-160' have been drilled to the Troutdale Aquifer.
- All of the wells will be completed by early September, and water samples will be taken. The test wells will continue to be tested quarterly.
- Field screen data (from the mobile on-site lab) reveals only limited, localized contamination. The field screen

laboratory will be demobilized the week of August 12. Fixed laboratory analysis of the near surface data will follow and take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

If you would like a personal briefing on the current status of the Superfund investigation please call the numbers below. We will be glad to arrange a time to meet with you or a group.

If you have questions about work being performed or if you want additional information, please call David Dunahay, Ross Site Manager, at (206) 690-2380. You may also contact BPA's Public Involvement Office in Portland at (503) 230-3478 in Portland; toll free (800) 452-8429 for Oregon outside of Portland; (800) 547-6048 for Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and California.

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